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Eufaula Indian Community to elect new board March 31

Sterling Cospers
MNN Reporter

EUFULA — The Eufaula Indian Community met at the Skate Zone in Eufaula on Feb. 15, 2012, to configure electoral proceedings regarding the placement of a new Community Board. This meeting was held under the recommendation of Principal Chief George Tiger who issued a letter Feb. 14, 2012, suggesting the appointment of an acting board through a community resolution.

These proceedings followed the issuance of Executive Order 12-02, on Feb. 6, 2012, which reinstated the community's charter and returned the control of all non-gaming funds and assets to the Eufaula Indian Community. This order rescinds Executive Order 10-19 issued by the Ellis Administration, which revoked the community's charter, confiscated all the financial resources and assets from the Eufaula Community, and turned them over to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Tiger provided a suggested resolution to be voted on by the community, which outlined possible procedure for the placement of a new Acting Community Board that will serve until their traditional election date at the end of September 2012.

Tiger recommended the election proceedings occur in a manner chosen by the community, and take place within 10 days after the Feb. 15, 2012, meeting.

The community held a discussion, lead by former Community



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Pictured above are members of the Eufaula Creek Indian Community who met Feb. 15 to vote on the date of the board elections, which are set for Saturday, March 31.

Board Chairman Tom Pickering, about Tiger's proposed resolution, and what board members should serve until they have the election for the acting board.

A vote was held by show of hands from the community members. It was decided that previous members of the board who served before the charter was rescinded, should serve until elections to put an acting board in place

could be held.

The community adopted the resolution suggested by Tiger with one amendment suggested by Eufaula Mayor and Muscogee citizen Selina Jayne-Dornan who was also present at the meeting.

Dornan suggested the community extend the election deadline to the end of March. The mayor stated that

the extended date would allow proper time for the community to choose candidates, decide how the votes will be cast and advertise the election to the Eufaula community ensuring the maximum number of community members eligible attend and vote in the election.

SEE BOARD - 2

Freedman descendants seek sovereign status

Gary Fife
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE —The descendants of African-American slaves formerly on the rolls of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who lost that status in a tribal referendum 33 years ago have launched an effort to become their own tribe.

Members of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band have formally filed a petition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The group filed its request more than two years ago. According to Band President Ron Graham, their history and family connections with Creek people and culture give them the background for such tribal status. Their legal case, Graham said, rests on the basis of the Treaty of 1866 which granted them citizenship in the Muscogee tribe, "That established our citizenship within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. We voted, we had Freedmen on the National Coun-

cil, we spoke the language."

The 1866 treaty says in part, "... their descendants and such others of the same race as may be permitted by the laws of the said nation to settle within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Creek Nation as citizens thereof, shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges of native citizens, including an equal interest in the soil and national funds."

Their goal, Graham said, is to have the terms of that treaty enforced, "We'd like to achieve with this tribal status, an opportunity to be who we are. We'd like our tribal sovereignty we understand sovereignty. If it's land in trust, benefits, whatever the case may be. Most importantly, we know exactly who we are, and what we are. That is what gives us the right to apply for and seek out federal recognition for our own nation." That's in spite of any differences in racial features or customs, he maintained, "We may look differ-

ent, our ways may be different, but we are Muscogee Creek Indians."

The 1979 Muscogee (Creek) constitutional removed the citizenship status for freedmen. That was a convention, Graham noted, where the freedmen were prevented from voting.

Graham attempted to enroll as a tribal member in 1983, but was turned down. The requirement for a blood quantum disqualified him, he said. Graham cited a lack of blood quantum information on the Dawes Roll, leaving Freedmen without required information for enrollment.

Graham went to tribal court in pursuit of citizenship status in 2005. The first case was decided in their favor, but was appealed by the Citizenship Board. When the case went to the Muscogee Supreme Court, the case was dismissed.

Their case is similar to those of Cherokee and Seminole freedmen he said. They are all being disenfran-

chised, a case Graham described as being in a "coma." The situation has left the freedmen ineligible for tribal and federal programs such as educational assistance, health care benefits and other rights for participation as tribal citizens.

Currently the Freedmen's Association requests a modest membership fee. Those funds are used for the Association to function and keep its business office open. Once tribal status is achieved, Graham predicted, that fee would be discontinued when any federal funds become available to them.

Requirements for their Freedmen's tribal membership would be to have proof of their family listed on both the Dawes Rolls and the Dunn Roll of 1867.

SEE FREEDMEN - 6

MCN Citizenship Board to host public hearing March 8, 2012

Media Release
MCN Citizenship Office

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board, under the authority granted by (M(C) NCA) Title 7, § 2-109 A, has created policies and procedures.

The purpose of the policies and procedures is to provide an administrative framework for internal operational procedures, including, but not limited to: rules for the review of citizenship applications, for hearings and appeals, and such other purposes necessary for the efficient performance of the MCN Citizenship Board's operations.

A public hearing will be held March 8, 2012 from 6-7 p.m., at the Mound Building Auditorium to discuss these policies and procedures.

Prior to the public hearing, a copy of the policies and procedures will be available for review at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office located at the Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, Okla.

For more information, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office at (918) 732-7753.



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One Fire burns bright on 25th anniversary



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Summer Youth application deadline set for March 16

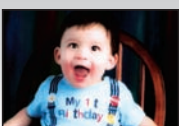
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The Freedmen's Association has solicited support from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP passed a resolution last fall in support of the Freedmen's case. They said, it would work for an 'equitable' solution "...by means of education and fact-finding to address the history and current impact of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band and promote understanding of tribal sovereignty."

In mid-February, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Chief of Staff Edwin Marshall said the Nation wasn't making any comment because the freedmen didn't have any tribal relationship.

Graham has not made any formal overtures to the Muscogee tribal government and is still waiting for the U.S. government to respond.

Sterling Cospser
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — This February marked the 25th anniversary of Okmulgee's One Fire Casino's. One Fire hosted an open house Feb. 22, 2012, to help celebrate the occasion along with the recent renovation of the facility located on the corner of Hwy. 75 and Eufaula St., in Okmulgee.

Tribal officials including members of the National Council, Principal Chief George Tiger and Second Chief Roger Barnett were among those in attendance. Former coach Barry Switzer was also present for the event.

Barnett shared his opinion on the recent renovations. "I think it's great for the Creek Nation. It looks great; we're excited about the change, and we are really happy with the finished product."

Tiger shared the Barnett's sentiments on the event, and explained the improvements he's seen since the casino's initial opening. "I was here when it opened as a small, high-stakes bingo operation. It allows us to showcase where it has come since that small operation to where it is now as one of the better operations within Creek Nation."

He continued by explaining how the casino, as one of the tribe's better operations, reflects on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as a whole. "We're excited about it, to be the first tribe in Okla., to have Indian gaming, it's a testament to our support, our officials, and the wonderful employees we have," said Tiger.

One Fire Casino General Man-

ager Travis Thompson explained how the renovations have affected the overall performance of the casino. "Clientele has changed; revenue has picked up tremendously. We are getting good response from the community. Our patrons seem extremely pleased with it, and seem surprised at what it looks like."



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Renovations on the gaming facility have changed the look of both the inside and outside of the casino.

The extent of One Fire's remodel is very broad. The changes are all-inclusive with complete cosmetic updates made externally as well as inside the casino.

Thompson pointed out some of the improvements made inside the facility. “We have gutted it from floor to ceiling. We’ve added a lot of LED; we’ve added a lot of cultural elements, like a lot of clans that are in our chandeliers. The concept of the earth, wind and fire sculptures is in the ceiling and our big flame sculpture, which is the center piece inside the facility.”

He continued, "Everything is brand new, new bases, new chairs, new machines, some of the machines are the same, but most of them are

new.”

A sample of the casino's food was provided for guests at the open house as well as a small gift for all those in attendance.

Thompson introduced his staff and expressed his joy for having great employees to help with the transition. He also showed plans for the possibility of a new bar to be added once the necessary approval process is completed.

Barnett also shared his vision for continual improvements throughout the MCN. "It goes along with the change of administration — we're looking forward to changes to other facilities as well."

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION)
HOUSING DIVISION (successor in)
interest to THE HOUSING AUTHORITY)
OF THE CREEK NATION OF)
OKLAHOMA),)
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Plaintiff,)
)
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v.) Case No. CV-2011-203
)
)
ANGELA MARIE SEARCY and)
TOBY LYNN SHEETS,)
)
Defendant.)

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

ANGELA MARIE SEARCY and

TOBY LYNN SHEETS.

GREETINGS:

Take notice that you and each of you have been sued in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee Division, in the above entitled and numbered cause by the Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Complaint filed by Plaintiff in the office of the undersigned Court Clerk on or before the 2nd day of March, 2011, or judgment against you and a decree in Plaintiff's favor will be rendered accordingly. 2012

You are ordered to appear at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, OK, on the 2nd day of February, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. for a forcible entry and detainer hearing and to remain subject to the call of the court until discharged.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2011.

Court Clerk
By: Sharon Miller, Deputy

ENGLISH & GAITHER, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Henyetta, OK

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE)
GUARDIANSHIP OF)

N.S.P.,)
DOB: 08/08/1927)
an Alleged Incapacitated Person.)

Case No. GD 2011-30

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Donna Bower
J. CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Sandra Parish; Billie Poole; and Karlata Parnosky

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for guardianship in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. GD 2011-30, styled In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of: N.S.P. the action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to an *Order Appointing Guardian* of an incapacitated person.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the hearing scheduled for the 17th day of March, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of February, 2012.

Donna Bower, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon Millerathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of)
ASHLEY BURDEN) Case Number CV-2012-14 Donna Beaver, A.
Judge Gregory Bigler) MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

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NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Ashley Burden, also known as Ashley Berryhill, born June 14, 1992 has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have his name changed from Ashley Burden to Ashley Berryhill and the same will be heard in the courtroom of before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 15th day of March, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock A.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 14th day of February, 2012.

Donna Beaver, Acting Court Clerk
By: Sobie King
Deputy Court Clerk

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Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of February, 2012.

Donna Bower, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

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(Deputy)

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March Madness Poker

We will be awarding each player that shows down a full house or better in a live action poker game with a reward ticket during the qualifying period (March 1-March 10) or until 64 players have won. At the conclusion of the qualifying period we will match each player with a college team that has been selected to compete in the tournament.

The round of 64 will spawn 32 winners; the poker players that are attached with the winning team will receive a \$20 cash prize and move on with their team to the next round. As the teams advance the prizes will grow.

Round of 64= 32 winners @ \$20
Round of 32= 16 winners @ \$40
Round of 16= 8 winners @ \$60
Round of 8=4 winners @ \$100
Round of 4=2 winners @ \$250
Round of 2=1 winner @ \$500

St. Patrick's Day Saturday March 17th NOON - 5PM

Every Diamond Club participant will receive a \$10 Match Play. We will have five - \$100 free play drawings and 2 - St. Patrick's Bonus drawings at the Main Casino and 2 - \$100 free play drawings at the Travel Plaza every ½ hour beginning at 1:30 PM and ending at 4:00 PM.

The St. Patrick's bonus prizes include:
2 - \$1,000 cash prizes, 5 - \$250 cash prizes,
5 - \$150 cash prizes.



Saturday March 24th NOON - 5PM

Every Diamond Club participant will receive a \$10 Match Play. We will have five - \$100 free play drawings and 2 - Spring Fling Bonus drawings at the Main Casino and 2 - \$100 free play drawings at the Travel Plaza every ½ hour beginning at 1:30 PM and ending at 4:00 PM.

The St. Patrick's bonus prizes include:
2 - riding mowers, 3 push mowers, 2 - \$100
Lowe's Gift Cards, and 5 gas grills.



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CREEK NATION CASINO MUSCOGEE



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CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parent Committee Grocery Bingo set for March 17

OKMULGEE — The OSU Parent Committee 2011-2012, is hosting a fund-raiser bingo at Okmulgee Indian Community Center Saturday, March 17.

Bingo starts at 1 p.m., with the food sale beginning at 11 a.m.

Most of the food items were donated by local businesses. Some of the items available will be homemade chili, desserts, chili-

MCN Web site to be updated, seeks feedback

Media Release
MCN Communications Dept.

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department is re-designing the website to make it more functional. As part of the redesign, the department is seeking input from citizens regarding usability. Feedback will be used to create a more user-friendly site.

Would you like to submit job applications online? Check the status of your claim with the housing department? Change the name on your roll card from your maiden name or update your address? Have other suggestions or comments about the website? Let us know via email at jslane@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Mvto! For more information, call (918) 732-7720 or contact us by mail at:

C/O MCN Communications
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

cheese hotdogs, Frito pies and popcorn.

We will also announce the winners of the Lucky Charm Contest.

For more information, contact the Parent Committee at (918) 304-0476 or (918) 752-1444 or by email at: lmbear@okstate.edu

Summer Youth application deadline set for March 16

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Summer Youth Employment Program is accepting applications for the upcoming year.

The deadline for submitting applications is March 16, 2012 at the Human Development Employment and Training Office.

For more information, please contact 918-732-7775 or 7776. Interested participants may also call 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7775 or 7776. No fax applications will be accepted. Applicants must be a member of a federally recognized tribe and between the ages of 16 and 21.

Sexual Assault Awareness Walk set for April 11

OKMULGEE — “Walk a Mile In Her Shoes” is the theme for the 2012 Sexual Assault Awareness Walk, set for April 11, 2012.

The event will begin at 1 p.m., at the MCN Mound building. It is sponsored by the MCN Family Violence Prevention Program.

For more information, contact Tina Qualls at (918) 813-6900 or email tqualls@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Tulsa MCN Headstart raffle set for April 1, 2012

TULSA — Tulsa Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start is conducting a raffle for ballsticks donated by wood carver Ed Screechowl.

This raffle will help raise funds for tassels, yearbooks and photos

for the Pre-K graduating class of 2012.

Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Drawing will be held April 1, 2012. Winner need not be present at the drawing to claim the prize.

For more information call (918) 237-6123 or (918) 296-0357.

Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women to host Easter craft fair April 1, 2012

NORMAN — The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women is holding a Native American arts and crafts market and Easter auction, April 1, 2012.

It will be open from 3-6 p.m. in the Warrior Room of the Thunderbird Casino located at 15700 E. State Highway, in Norman.

On sale and up for auction will be Easter baskets, crafts, gifts and more. Several Native American arts and crafts booths will be available. The event is open to the public.

For more information or booth space, contact Lisa Frazier at (405) 664-7060 or Nicole Walls at (405) 593-7060.

Glenpool Community to elect officers March 13

GLENPOOL — Glenpool Indian Community will conduct elections Tuesday, March 13. The deadline for submitting letters of intent and background check forms has already passed.

All Executive Board seats are open.

Holdenville Community to elect officers March 10

HOLDENVILLE — Holdenville Creek Indian Community will be taking nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Nominations will be accepted until March 2, 2012 at noon.

The election for Chairperson of the Board of Trustees will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Holdenville Creek Indian Community Center. Voters must be general members of the community in order to vote.

Nominations may be submitted in a sealed envelope to the community secretary at 224 E. Poplar St., in Holdenville, Okla.

For more information, contact the Holdenville Creek Indian Community Center at (405) 379-3485.

2012 Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal calendars now available to citizens

OKMULGEE — a 2012 tribal calendar featuring images of historic leader Opoethleyahola, ceremonial dancers, a traditional Christian church and the College of the Muscogee Nation is now available for free distribution to Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens.

The “Visions of Our Ancestors” 2012 calendar includes National Council Planning Sessions, monthly meeting dates, tribal events (such as the Muscogee Nation Festival and Council Oak Ceremony) and the birthdates of the Chief and Second Chief.

The wall calendar measures 13” x 19” and is suitable for home or office use. A larger 24” x 36” calendar is also available for use by community centers and churches. These calendars are available free of charge at the MCN Public Relations office at the tribal complex (no mail deliveries please). Distribution of the large calendars is limited to one per community or church.

For more information, contact MCN Public Relations at (918) 732-7617.

Administration extends requests for resumes

Media Release
MCN Office of the Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief George Tiger has a new vision for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that includes upholding traditional Muscogee ways and values while at the same time elevating the Nation’s government and business operations to unprecedented levels of effectiveness, accountability and service.

To accomplish this ambitious vision, we need to fill multiple leadership positions across the Nation’s administrative, health, education, social services, law enforcement, judiciary, and business operations.

Potential candidates should possess the following:

- Experience
- Education
- Proven track record of leadership and accomplishment
- Demonstrate a winning attitude
- Work well in a team environment

• Strong commitment to the Administration’s vision and goals for the Muscogee (Creek) people

If you meet the qualifications... Submit your resume or C.V. to LSpaulding@MekkoTiger.com

Attach examples of your winning attitude, how you have made a difference, your leadership successes and how you have worked well in a team environment to achieve ambitious goals and a shared vision.

All positions are subject to Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Native American hiring preference.

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For more information visit the website at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.



11th Annual “TO BRIDGE A GAP” CONFERENCE APRIL 2 – 5, 2012 Choctaw Casino and Resort



The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will be hosting the 11th Annual “To Bridge A Gap” Conference, in collaboration with the National Forest Service. This conference is designed to strengthen Government-to-Government relationships between federal and state agencies, and federally-recognized Tribes with interests in our forests.

Topics for this year include:

- Preconference Tribal Meeting with FCC
- Regional Executive Session with Forest Leaders and Tribal Leaders
- Introductory GPS/GIS Preconference Hands-On Workshop
- NEPA and Section 106: Procedures and Issues
- Traditional Cultural Properties and Sacred Sites
- NAGPRA: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
- Tribal and Federal Collaborative Partnerships
- FCC Consultation Meeting with Tribes
- Tribal Relations Report
- National Historic Preservation Program: Updates and Application Process

Guest Speaker: TBA

Several federal and state agencies will be present including National Forest Service from various regions, Army Corp. of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Offices, National Park Service, and National Resources Conservation Service.

The “To Bridge A Gap” Conference is a wonderful opportunity to discuss tribal relations and cultural preservation issues, and participate with others who are dedicated to improving this relationship.



For more information please contact Dr. Ian Thompson, Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department at (580) 924-8280 Ext. 2216, ithompson@choctawnation.com, or Johnnie Jacobs at (580) 924-8280 Ext. 2559, jjacobs@choctawnation.com.

Conference registration and hotel information can also be found on the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma website at www.choctawnationculture.com/TBAG2012.

OBITUARIES

JAMES MCGIRT



HOLDENVILLE — Funeral service for James R. McGirt, 77, of Holdenville, Okla., was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at the Many Springs Baptist Church in Holdenville, Okla. A wake service was held on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at the Hudson Phillips Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Tea/Cornell Cemetery in Spalding, Okla., under the direction of Hudson Phillips Funeral Home. He died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, in Oklahoma City.

Officiating was Rev. Jimmy Anderson of the Many Springs Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Arthur Brunner, Jr., Thomas Yahola, Adam Proctor, Michael Stinnett, Curtis Kinney, and Woody Kinney. Honorary pallbearers were Tom Bear, Jr., Keeper Johnson and Nathan Buck, Jr.

James was born May 3, 1934 to Moses McGirt and Emily (Cornell) in Wewoka, Okla. He attended Chilocco Indian School in Arkansas City, Kansas and graduated in 1952. He later served as President of the Chilocco Alumni Association and was honored by being inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. He attended the University of Oklahoma majoring in Journalism and marched in the “Pride of Oklahoma” Marching Band.

James enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1954. He received his basic training at Camp Lejune, N.C., and was selected to receive Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida. He became a member of the U. S. Navy to receive this training and earned his pilot wings in June 1957. At this time he reenlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served as a pilot until 1960.

James worked for McDonnell-Douglas in California for several years and held positions as Contract Coordinator, Contract Supervisor, and Branch Manager. He was Chairman of the Native American Scholarship Fund while employed in the aircraft industry which sought contributions to assist in helping Native American children with college education cost. He helped found the Urban (United) Indian Development Association in Los Angeles, Cali., and he was self-employed as a professional consultant with several Oklahoma tribes. He served on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council twice and was a former Director of Human Resources for the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health Services.

His personal goal was to help the tribal government serve its people in the best way possible.

James was preceded in death by

his parents and an infant son.

Survivors include his son, John Randall McGirt of Calif.; longtime friend and companion Willie Ahdunko of Oklahoma City; his aunt, Lucy Kimble of Ponca City, Okla., and numerous cousins and a host of other family and friends.

JIMMY WARNER



WEWOKA — James (Jimmy) Pete Warner, born Feb. 20, 1935, of Wewoka, Okla., moved to his heavenly home Feb. 2, 2012, to begin an eternity with his Savior and loved ones who had gone on before him; his loving wife of 47 years, Mary Alice Warner; father and mother Ples and Cleo (Harjo) Muirhead; Brother Joe Muirhead; and Grandparents Pete Harjo and Dessie Harjo; and David Earl and Delia Muirhead.) He was grandson of Greenleaf Grounds and Deer Clan.

Survivors include his daughter Debbie Northrup and husband Jack, Portland, OR, son David Warner, Seminole, and grandson Chris Jones, Shawnee; four sisters, Deane Mosley and husband Leon, Wewoka, Carolyn Pumphrey and husband John, Oklahoma City, Linda Francis, Moore, Norma Sanchez and husband Frankie, Moore, Norma Sanchez and husband Frankie, Moore; and two brothers, Alex Muirhead, Newalla, and Rick Muirhead and wife Rhonda; and three special cousins, Jess McDowell, Stroud, Eulala McDowell Pegram, Moore, and Mona Campbell, Bearden; nineteen nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jimmy grew up in the “Bull Pasture” near Butner, attended Butner High School and served in the U.S. Navy, where he was an equipment operator on the USS Falcon. He worked for oil companies all over the world operating heavy equipment and spent seven years on the Alaskan pipeline. He was a Mason in Wewoka. He grew up with a great love for horses as his dad and uncle, Sid Muirhead, owned and trained quarter horses and thoroughbreds.

Jimmy will be remembered for his generosity in helping many people with special needs, big or small. The most important event in Jimmy’s life was when he, his wife Mary, and son David were saved in the Freewill Baptist Church in Wewoka. (At his baptism, the family recalls Jimmy taking little David’s hand and said “Come on son, let’s go get baptized.”)

Jimmy had a strong love for friends and family. The “highlight” of the year for him was when his family gathered at the Wewoka First Baptist Church at Christmas. Jimmy will be missed this year, but not forgotten!

MAXINE WATASHE



SAPULPA — On Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at 6:35 a.m., on the day of the Lord and her 48th wedding anniversary, Maxine (Simms) Watashe entered into glory, surrounded by family to see her through.

Maxine (Simms) Watashe was born Oct. 30, 1932, to the Rev.Maxey and Sawena Simms at the family home. She lived in the Pickett Prairie area all of her life. As a young child, Maxine attended Pickett Prairie School and Eufaula Boarding school. She then attended and graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. Throughout her early school years she learned to play various instruments such as piano, organ, violin, flute and clarinet. She also was involved in many activities while attending school.

Early in life Maxine knew the importance of being independent and having high standards when it came to work ethics. She begun as a child cleaning houses and then worked for Kress Department Store in Sapulpa and later working for the Muscogee Creek Nation where she retired in 2007 after 29 years. She was very involved when it came to tribal politics, and tremendously helped her brother in law during his 20 year reign as Chief, he often stated, “She is a go getter and tells it like it is.”

Maxine grew up and was nurtured in a strong Christian home and in church at Pickett Chapel where she played piano and organ, directed church choir and helped in special occasions. She cherished the “good ole days” with her family and church friends there and would speak of them often. In later years she attended Morning Star Church in Hectorville where she continued to be active in all she could.

In 1963 on February 12, she married Joe Edward Watashe. To this marriage two children were born and became the focus of her being the greatest momma ever. Those that were blessed to call her momma were Mark Watashe of the home and Salena Watashe of Sapulpa.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Maxey and Sawena Simms; brother, Yahola Simms; four sisters, Frances Wildcat, Fannie Walker, Lilly Cox and Rosie Simms.

She is survived by husband, Joe of the home; children Mark and Saleana; sister, Madja Simms of Sapulpa; two step-daughters, Lisa and Donna Watashe; one step-son, Joe Watashe, Jr.; host of nieces and nephews and step grandchildren; two grand dogs Kota and Kiwa who sat at her window as to look after her during her last days; and a multitude of dear friends.

Maxine enjoyed playing the piano, music, going to church, being around family and friends, helping

others in need, watching wrestling with her husband and watching OU Football and basketball and loved to watch her children and great nieces and nephews play sports and was looking forward to watching her great-great nieces and nephews begin their adventures in sports activities. All nephews and nieces and family were dear to her. Maxine knew no stranger, she loved to talk and laugh. She was a giver in any capacity and had a compassionate heart for others. She loved to read the Bible and pray and it was her greatest desire to know and learn more about the Lord. She was always thankful and grateful for another day even though she had been feeling ill. She was always encouraging her children to do their best, give to the Lord and others, and to get in church somewhere. She loved her husband and family so much and will always be in our hearts. But what will be remembered the most is during her final days to be able to speak clearly she stated, “God is so good, I enjoy people and I love to help people.” Although, she was bedridden her spirit was never confined, when songs were sung she would try to sing along, when prayers were said she prayed along and would mouth with what strength she had, “Praise the Lord.,” and ”Thank you, Jesus.” Such a strong, determined woman of faith gave courage and inspiration to other who came to visit her. She loved all her family and each were often called out by name in her prayers and her prayer was that all know the Lord as their savior. She will be greatly missed but will forever be in our hearts and in the way we do things for she was a great example to all.

Wake services were held Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at Pickett Chapel Church.

Funeral services were, Feb. 16, 2012, at Pickett Chapel Church, Sapulpa, Okla.

Officiating will be the Reverends Negiel Bigpond, Jack Sunagoowie and Joe Lowe, Jr. Interment to follow at Simms Family Cemetery. Bearers will be Bill Dowdy, Sr., Loy Thomas, Jon West, Floyd Bales, Dale Bible, Jeff Fife, Dean Tiger, and Jerry Wilson. Honorary bearers will be Bill Fife, George Tiger, Roger Barnett, Johnny Weygant, Richard Wildcat, Dennis Barnett, step-grandsons, and all nephews and great-nephews.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

THANK YOUS

SUSIE FRANKS



WEWOKA — The family of Susie Jacobs Franks greatly appreciates all of you who came to offer their condolences for the loss of our Mom, our Grandma, our G-ma, and our aunt.

Thanks to all the special ladies

who helped with preparing the great food for both days of the services. A special thanks to the Checotah Indian Community for their help and hospitality and to each of you who sent beautiful flowers and delicious food.

Mvto to Reverend Bernadine Dowdy for the special service of “Celebrating Life” of our mom. Our mom had ninety years with family and friends. She will always be loved and never forgotten.

VIRGINIA FRANK

TULSA — The family of Virginia Frank would like to give many thanks for all the delicious food beautiful Creek singing, prayers and especially your last days here with us.

“Mvto” to the ladies of Middle Creek #2 for purchasing, preparing and being in charge of the food and meals during the services. All the food that was brought was greatly appreciated

A special “Mvto” to each person for being with the family in our time of need during Virginia’s last days here and during her services. We appreciate all the beautiful flowers and food each of you sent.

JAMES MCGIRT

HOLDENVILLE — The family of James Rudolph McGirt thanks Chief George Tiger and other members of the Administration and Jim’s many friends and former coworkers for attending his services at the new Many Springs Baptist Church on Feb. 4, 2012. We especially thank the Church Members, Pastor and Ladies of the Church for their assistance in making this service so meaningful and allowing it to be the first service in the new building.

We thank the Muskogee (Creek) Nation for providing funds for the meals which were served after the Wake, before the Service, and after the burial. A special thank you to the Rev. Jimmy Anderson, a long-time friend of Rudy’s, for leading the services at the church and the cemetery. Military honors were rendered by the MCN Veterans.

A grateful MVTO to all who performed any service.

The McGirt and Cornell Families and his long-time companion, Ruth Wahpecome.

MCN Citizenship Office updating death records

Media Release
MCN Citizenship Office

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office is asking family members of deceased citizens to contact our office in order to update the deceased citizens’ information. The office is also requesting the original state certified fill image death certificate of the citizen.

The original document will be returned. This is in response to the Citizenship Office’s efforts to update the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s files.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ALEXANDRIA CHINO



SAPULPA — Alexandria Chino is a 2011 graduate from Sapulpa High School. She received a cheer-leading scholarship from Bacone College in Muscogee, Okla., where she is attending for the spring 2012 semester. Alex plans to major in criminal justice.

Parents are Theron Sr., and Stacy (Harjo) Chino. Siblings are Destiny, Theron Jr., and Leland Chino.

Grandparents are Henry Harjo, Jr., (Wetumka), Sandra Harjo (Pawnee), Judy (Wesley) and Henry Harjo Sr. (Wetumka), Philip and Louise (Kent) Mathews (Pawnee).

Chino is of the Bird Clan.

DUSTIN NEWELL



CHECOTAH — Pfc. Dustin DeForrest Newell, 19, of Checotah graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Nov. 4, 2011.

Newell successfully completed 13 weeks of intense training. He was one of 85 recruits in Training Platoon 1015.

While in basic training, Newell qualified as expert on the rifle range. Following 10 days home on leave, he returned to Camp Pendleton for one month of Military Combat Training. Then he went to Pensacola, Fla., for further training in aviation ordinance.

Newell's parents are Mike and Robbin Hayes Checotah. His siblings are Jake and Ricky Newell of Checotah.

Grandparents are Mike and Danna Minnick, and great grandparents are Keitha Childers and the late Dan Childers.

Service to our country is a great tradition in the family. Newell's great-great grandfather, Sauce Childers, U.S. Army; great uncles Newman and Blue Childers, U.S. Army; great-grandfather Dan Childers, U.S. Army, Uncle Danny Bledsoe, Oklahoma Army Reserves; Grandfather Mike Minnick, U.S. Army; dad, Mike Hayes, United States Marines.

Newell is of the Alligator Clan.

BIRTHDAYS

KADEN CHARBONEAU



WAGONER — Kaden Charboneau turned 10 years old March 21, 2012.

Parents are Micco and Randi Charboneau of Wagoner. He has one brother Kale, 5.

Grandparents are Jerry and Het-tie Charboneau of Wagoner. He is the great grandson of Myra Blanche Alexander.

Kaden enjoys all sports, playing with friends and hanging out with his brother, Kale. Kaden attends school and Teague Elementary in Wagoner.

BRENDEN HARDING



OKMULGEE — Brendan Michael Harding celebrated his first birthday with family and friends Jan. 31, 2012.

The theme of the party was Dr.Suess' Cat in the Hat.

Brendan is the son of Kip and Meske Harding.

Grandparents are Debi Johnson of Morris, and Doug Juneau of Okmulgee, Brenda Mayo of Okmulgee, and the late Keith Harding of Baton Rouge, La.

TARA MCINTYRE



SMYRNA, Ga. — Tara E. McIntyre turned 28 years old Feb. 23, 2012.

Her parent is Bobbi T. West.

Grandparents are Erecil Ellen Hamilton Winn-West, Mary Hamilton Winn and Henry Winn.

GINNAVE MOWLES



CARTWRIGHT — Ginnave Mowles will turn 17 on March 2, 2012.

Her parents are Carrie Ramey, and the late Gregory Suther Mowles.

Grandparents are Angela and Arley Ramey, Irene and Jerry Mowles, Don and Dorthy Poteet, and Ola Ramey.

Great grandparents are Cora Mae Lowe, Suther Bruner, and Tony and Laveria Mowels.

SAVANNAH NELSON



OWASSO — Savannah Nicole Nelson celebrated her second birthday Jan. 14, 2012. With her cousins, family and friends. Barney was the theme of the party.

Parents are Chase and Ashley Nelson. Grandparents are Mark and Teresa Betche, and John and Lolita Nelson. Great Grandparents are Roy and Nedra Brown, Roy and Doris Berg, Ben and Wanda McCune, and Dona Nelson.

IZAIAS RAMIREZ



OKLAHOMA CITY — Izaias “Z” Ramirez of Oklahoma City, turned 10 Jan. 21, 2012. Ramirez celebrated the occasion with family and friends at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

He is the son of Amanda Ramirez, great-grandson of the late Josephine Morgan of Morris and the grandchild of David and Ellen Lena of Okemah.

Izaias is in fourth grade at Deer Creek Elementary in Edmond where he is on the honor roll, active in sports and a member of Peoples Church in OKC.

Izaias is very proud of his Creek culture and belongs to the Wind Clan.

Board

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The community agreed with Dornan through another vote, and decided the election for the acting board will be held March 31, 2012.

Dornan expressed her feelings on the reinstatement of Eufaula's charter. "I am very happy that they got their charter back. The members of Eufaula have always been active in their community and given back in many ways. I am looking forward to them being able to be very active again."

Although Dornan believes the people of Eufaula should have a say in their community, she also wished to explain her own interjections during the meeting. "I am very outspoken because I want to make sure they do it right, I'm not saying anything was ever done wrong. I think we're on the right path, I'm proud of the board members and all their hard work. I just want to make sure that I help the transition."

Pickering agreed with the mayor about letting the people control their community. "I would like to see us where we were at before as a self-sustaining community, so we can take care of all these people here again. We had a concept years ago of letting the people govern their community and I hope we get back to that," he said.

The former board chairman also commented on the mood of the Eufaula Community toward the reinstatement of their charter. "Everybody is really elated, the tribal administration has been really helpful and supportive. We're just trying to get it in our mind that we are not criminals, we feel like we're part of the tribe again."

Pickering felt that the re-instatement would have a sig-

nificant impact on Eufaula's economy. "I hope we can create better jobs, and better paying jobs. I guarantee you we can get to where we were, like with the good leadership we had in the past."

Tiger extended his blessing to the Eufaula Indian Community, and expressed his view on former Chief Ellis' decision. "Tribal government, to me, got involved in something that could've been taken care of at the local level and I'm glad to see these communities getting back their communities. I've always said, 'Who best knows about themselves is the communities themselves,'" he said.

He also shared the sense of unity the people of Eufaula feel when they have these meetings. "They're all excited; number one... especially our elderly people, they have always looked forward to those meetings. It was more than just a meeting to them. It was about the opportunity to fellowship and see friends on a timely basis and I think that's a good thing."

Tiger expressed his continued support toward the community as they continue the process of taking back their own governance. "We have applied for some funding through the department of treasury for community development financial initiative program that's basically for us to help those communities with another resource. I'm glad they got their communities back"

The Eufaula Indian Community will hold another meeting Feb. 23, 2012 to discuss further details on the election proceedings including a potential discussion on possible salaries that will be paid to the acting board once they are elected.

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Wild onion dinners are here; let the fundraisers begin!



MFSI/Melodie Reader
Pictured above are freshly-picked wild onion being prepared for a Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative event by Creek citizen Hannah Reader.

Gary Fife
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — The wild onions have begun peeking their heads from under fallen leaves and many Creeks have already slipped back to their favorite secret spots to gather the tasty little tubers. The notices for wild onion dinners are already popping up in the tribal

They see more than just wild onions. They see grape dumplings, fry bread, salt meat. Pretty good! In my mind, when I see wild onion dinners, I see a big ol’ gathering of people sitting down at a table together.

2. I would have to say, probably at the Wilson Community Cen-

with my grandmother. There’d be a wild onion dinner--she was ready to go. She would take us, and we’d go to different churches and stuff. It always brings a lot of people together.

2. I was with my grandmother at her house. She bought some wild onions from a



“To me, I liked the cooking, it was done right, the people were friendly, just like being at home. It was all you can eat and they had plenty, plenty of wild onions.”

— Sally Bucktrot, Cromwell

newspaper and flyers across Creek country. Churches and families are putting out the call to attend their events and share in the feasts. Proceeds usually to go to whatever church repair, trip or family reunion plans that happen to need some financial boost. What better way to raise a few bucks by filling a few tummies with this seasonal treat from the land?

For six to 10 bucks, diners can have dinners with plates full of delicious, delicate little onions fried with scrambled eggs, fry bread and other heavenly tidbits, plus drink and dessert--all prepared by the hands of dedicated family members or church volunteers. Bless’ em all!



“ It’s just like a family thing. You go out pick wild onions, clean ‘em together and then you cook them.”

— Ashley Butler, Okmulgee

S o m e - times it’s an ‘all you can eat’ extravaganza, sometimes not. No matter. There’s usually enough traditional food available to challenge the heartiest of appetites. (Note: that’s usually, but not always. I’m sure we’ve all seen a few major league eaters that defied that challenge with impunity!)

Muscogee Nation News decided to conduct another unscientific survey at the tribal travel plaza, battling burger aromas and talking with Creeks on limited lunch hours to bring you this survey.

Two questions were posed to interviewees:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, “wild onion dinner?”

2. Where were you when you had the best wild onion dinner you had ever eaten?

Julian Harjo (Wilson; College of the Muscogee Nation student)

1. When a lot of Indian folks, when they hear that word, ‘wild onion’ they figure a big ol’ dinner.

ter. That’s where we put on a wild dinner. It was the taste of the food. That’s what made me lost in my own world, ‘cause the food tasted so good, I couldn’t resist it.

Tammy Ringgold (Okmulgee)

1. Sunday dinners—that’s what I think of, coming home from church, having dinners, and there’s always somebody that has the wild onion dinners. Springtime, Easter, whatever.

2. Probably at my grandma’s house in Eufaula. It was family. We always love having our family together, and just the memories, I guess.

Andrew Proctor, (Wilson)

1. Big lunch, dinner served. Lot of people gathering, fellowship and

eating. I can remember my mom making it with the eggs and onions mixed in, that’s how we ate it.

2. At the dinner table, when my mom cooked it at our house. I guess when your mom makes something, that’s the best thing you could eat.

Lisa Billy (Checotah)

1. Wild onions, going to these different churches when they have their fundraisers, the wild onion dinners. The last time I went was at Big Cussetah Church. It was good. They had some good food. They had a really good spread.

2. At home, at my mom’s. It’s your mom’s cooking, there’s no place like home.

(Unknown) Washington (Okmulgee)

1. Good food. Good times at church.

2. Butler Creek, at my church. Ashley Butler (Okmulgee)

1. Wild onions and eggs. Going out and picking wild onions with my family. It’s just like a family thing. You go out pick wild onions, clean ‘em together and then you cook them. Invite everybody. We would also go

woman who was selling them and she cooked them up, cooked salt meat, made fry bread. I don’t think I’m going to have a wild onion dinner like that again. Hers were crunchy and yet soft. I don’t know there was just something about them that was perfect. I could never find anybody who made them the way she made them.

Sally Bucktrot (Beardan and Cromwell)

1. To me, I think of the traditional foods, what the old people had a long time ago. Your wild onions, your svkonepke (hominy and meat), your osafke, salt meat, fry bread, tucvenen tvlakot (3-bean salad) ham hock in it. That’s what I think about.

2. I went to Arbeka Church in

Cromwell. That was probably the best place. To me, I liked the cooking, it was done right, the people were friendly, just like being at home. It was all you can eat and they had plenty, plenty of wild onions. It was delicious.

Vanessa Beaver (Sapulpa)

1. Family get-together. Everybody comes and meets together at Haikey Chapel for their wild onion dinner. Always think about church and family. Stories of my dad going out and digging onions with his grandma at their secret spot, so secret that I don’t even know where it was.

2. Haikey Chapel, probably because it was prepared by family.

SURVEY SAYS: It’s the family touch in the kitchen, having a lot of kinfolk around you or the gathering at the community church that



produces the best wild onion dinners. Of course, there aren’t a lot of other choices, but that’s OK. These seem to work just fine.

I’m going out to find one of these ‘all you can eat’ dinners and chow down ‘til I’m miserable.

Hompvks ci!

Wild onion dinner calendar

Salt Creek - March 1
HOLDENVILLE — Salt Creek United Methodist Church Wild Onion Dinner will be Saturday, March 1, 2012 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Holdenville Indian Community Center.

Prices are \$ 10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. The annual dinner is all-you-can-eat.

dren. Price includes all-you-can-eat.

For more information, visit them on Facebook at Little Cussetah UMC or contact Paul Tecumseh at (918) 270-0213 or Nelson Harjo at (918) 752-7731.

Cully-Lowe - March 3
KONOWA — The Culley-Lowe Family will host thier wild onion dinner Saturday, March 3 beginning at 10:30 a.m., at Kona-wa Community Center. Dinners will be \$8 per plate.

For more information, call Chris at (405) 683-0601 or Anna a6 (405) 651-9454.

Concharty UMC - March 31
OKMULGEE — Concharty United Methodist Church will host a wild onion dinner Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adult dinners will be \$8 and children’s plates (12 and under) will be \$6.

The church is located at 19040 Garfield Rd., in Okmulgee.

For more information, call (918) 366-8450, email: info@kvnccate.com or visit www.kvnccate.com

Haikey Chapel - March 17
TULSA — Haikey Chapel will host a wild onion dinner Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adult dinners are \$8 and children’s plates are \$5.

The church is located at 8815 E. 101st St., in Tulsa.

For more information, contact Sandra Chisholm by email at: sancrandall@yahoo.com

Pickett Chapel UMC - March 31
SAPULPA — Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church Wild Onion Dinner will be Saturday, March 31 from 11-3 p.m.

The church is located five miles south of Sapulpa, at 17610 South Hickory.

Price is \$8 per person and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Little Cussetah - March 17
SCHULTER – Little Cussetah United Methodist Church will host their annual wild onion dinner Saturday, March 24, beginning at 11 a.m. Dinners will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for chil-

The menu includes wild onions, fry bread, sweet potatoes, grape dumplings, chicken or salt pork and cake for dessert and tea or coffee to drink.



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